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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 13-21 are objected to because the limitation "bisecting the first oblong slot" does not have clear antecedent basis in the specification. By mathematical definition, "bisecting" usually means "dividing into equal parts". However, in paragraph [0050] of the specification, it is only stated that "FIG. 8 illustrates the third embodiment one end of the second slot 222 is connected with a central portion of the first slot 221". Furthermore, the argument that "support for the limitation is found in Figures 7-9" is not well taken, as Figures 8 and 9 do not show the division of the first slot into two equal parts. Moreover, this limitation (in the new claims 13-21) does not read on Figure 7 as it only shows a L-shape formation that clearly has no bisection. It is therefore suggested to change the limitation to "intersecting with a central portion of the first oblong slot" instead (see claims 11, 20 and 21). It is noted that this new limitation is only generic to Figures 8 and 9, but not Figure 7. Furthermore, claim 20 should be cancelled when the new limitation is adopted. Clarification and correction are requested.

- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. Claim 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art as shown in Figures 1-5 and described on pages 2-5 of the specification (hereinafter, APA), in view of Staats (US 4,313,044) (previously cited).

APA shows "a door assembly for a microwave oven comprising: a door frame 11 to open and close a cooking cavity 25; and a door filter 35 including a filter plate adhered to one side of the door frame, a choke portion 35a substantially perpendicular to the filter plate at an edge of the filter plate, a first slot 35b formed in a width direction of the choke portion". Therefore APA shows every feature as claimed except for the use of a second slot formed in a length direction of the choke portion and mutually perpendicular to the first slot. Staats shows that it is well known in the art of microwave ovens with door chokes to form slots (35, 41, 50) having two slot segments (36, 37; 42, 43 and 51, 52). The slot 41 clearly includes two perpendicular segments (42, 43) that are the same as claimed. More particularly, Staats shows the use of slots with an elongated segment 42 and a rectangular segment 43 at the end of the first segment and perpendicular to the first segment (see Figures 1-3 and col. 3, line 63 – col. 5, line 38). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify APA to use a slot with two perpendicular slot segments to change the width ratio at the choke entrance for better microwave leakage prevention, in view of the teaching of Staats.

4. Claims 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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5. The new claims 13-21 would be allowed if the objection set forth in paragraph 1 above is overcome with the suggestion therein.

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- Applicant's arguments filed 11-1-2004 have been fully considered but they are not completely persuasive. The claimed structure in the rejected claims does not define over the combination of the Admitted Prior Art (APA) with Staats. As set forth above, APA clearly shows every feature and structure as claimed except for the use of a second slot perpendicular to the first slot. Staats shows the use of slots with an elongated segment 42 and a rectangular segment 43 at the end of the first segment and perpendicular to the first segment. Therefore, the claims directed to the embodiments to Figures 6 and 7 do not structurally define over Staats as it would have been obvious to modify APA to increase the width of the slot at the end of the slot in order to increase the microwave sealing effectiveness as taught by Staats at col. 5, lines 15-34. It is recognized that Staats does not teach the use of two perpendicular slots other than at the end of the first segment. Therefore, claims clearly drawn to the embodiments of Figures 8 and 9 (such as claims 11, 12, 20 and 21) are patentably defined over Staats and APA.
- 7. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (571) 272-4782.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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